

# Norway Beach Naturalist Programs



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## Programs for August 5-7

### Smokey Bear Weekend

**Thursday, August 5**

**10:00 a.m.**

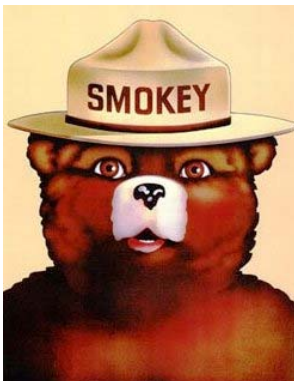
**Fish Beading** This is an aquatic forest, what better way to celebrate our finned friends than with Fish crafts!

**Thursday, August 5**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Smokey Bear Story**

Learn about wildfire safety and the real story of Smokey Bear!



Visitor Center Hours

Wed-Sun

9am—5pm

**Friday, August 6**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Wildflowers,  
Ojibwemowin\***

Boozhoo! Join Brenda from the Leech Lake Tribal College for a short wildflower hike. Learn the flowers and some traditional uses for our common plants.

**Friday, August 6**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Owl Pellets**

Dig right in to an owl pellet and discover what owls eat for lunch! Really cool!

**Sat, Aug 7 9:30**

**Firefighter Relay**

**10:00 a.m**

**Smokey's Party**

Smokey Bear's Birthday party begins. Meet Smokey!

**11:30 a.m. Bats!**

Learn about our winged friends (and visit the bat box)

**1:00 Smokey Returns!**

**1:30 p.m Fire Towers**

David Quam is back for a look at fire tower history!

**2:00 p.m. Smokey Bear  
Art Projects!**

**3:00 p.m. Ojibwe**

**Language Lesson**

How do you say bear and fire in Ojibwe?

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## Programs for August 12-14

Forests are more than trees!

**Thursday, August 12**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Fish Printing**

Learn the ancient art of Gyo-taku, fish printing. Print up a postcard or bring your own white shirt and paint up a fish design! We use rubber fish, not real fish!

**Thursday, August 12**

**1:00 p.m.**

### **Forest Art**

Draw and decorate your own vision of a perfect forest. Great family activity—fun for your artistic nature!

### Visitor Center Hours

Wed-Sun

9am—5pm

**Friday, August 13**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Wildflowers, Ojibwemowin\***

Boozhoo! Join Brenda from the Leech Lake Tribal College for a short wildflower hike. Learn the flowers and some traditional uses for our common plants.

**Friday, August 13**

**1:00 p.m.**

### **Dragonfly Hike**

Let's walk along the beach and search for dragons and damselflies! We may find sprites and spreadwings, meadowhawks and dragon hunters! Sound fun? Yes!

**Saturday, Aug 14**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **What's in Paul's Backpack?**

Guest speaker Paul Wan-narka (MN DNR) joins us for a tour through his backpack. Ideas for camping, hiking and adventure!



**1:00 p.m**

### **Ojibwe**

### **Language Lesson**

Join Brenda for a quick 20-minute lesson in Ojibwe Language! Learn the names of local wildlife!

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## Programs for August 20-21

### Welcome to the Beach!

**Friday, August 20**

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **Wildflowers, Ojibwemowin\***

Boozhoo! Join Brenda from the Leech Lake Tribal College for a short wildflower hike. Learn the flowers and some traditional uses for our common plants.

**Friday, August 20**

**1:00 p.m.**

#### **Norway Beach Memories**

Stop by Friday and add your Norway Beach story to our scrapbook. Photos, stories and even camp recipes to be shared.

**Saturday, Aug 21**

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **Guest Naturalist Program**

Join DNR staffer Paul Wankar for our morning visitor center program!



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**3:00 p.m.**

#### **Ojibwe**

#### **Language Lesson**

Tribal college student Brenda Fairbanks leads a quick 20-minute lesson in Ojibwe Language! Learn the names of local wildlife and more!

#### **Naturalist Corner:**

What is the spotted squirrel in my camp?  
It's a Franklin's Ground squirrel!

Ground squirrels build burrow systems that include tunnels about 15-20 inches below the surface for nests and food storage. Two-thirds of their life is spent underground.

Franklin's ground squirrels eat berries and clover. They also eat insects, bird eggs, and small birds!



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## Programs for August 26-28

Forests are more than trees!

**Friday, Aug 27**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Beach Chair**

#### **Birdwatching**

One of most relaxing programs of the season. Sit back and enjoy the view of Cass Lake and the bird life that might just fly by. Bring your lawn chair—I'll bring the binoculars. Enjoy!

**Friday, Aug 27**

**1:00 p.m.**

### **Interpretive Trail Hike**

Any last blooms? Last see what's growing along the trail!

### Visitor Center Hours

Wed-Sun

9am—5pm

**Saturday, Aug 27**

**10:00 a.m.**

### **Tree Hike**

Hate to say it, but it's getting close to fall. Let's see if we can find any fall colors out on the trail! Tree identification and art too!

**Saturday, Aug 27**

**1:00 p.m.**

### **Butterfly and Dragonfly Hunt**

What kind of dragonflies will be out on the beach today? Will we see some red admiral butterflies again? Let test our identification skills on this short beach hike.

### **Naturalist Corner**

The "rare" Common Buckeye was a surprise find on one of our July butterfly hikes! We are just learning our dragonflies and butterflies, but so far have counted up the following species/types:

Monarchs

Cabbage White

Red Admiral

Common Buckeye

Tiger Swallowtail

Mourning Cloak

Black Admiral

Sulphurs (spp?)

Dragonflies/Damselflies

Bluets

Meadowhawks

Dragon Hunters

Clubtails (spp?)



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## Programs for September

### Falling Into Autumn

**Friday Sept 3**

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **Beach Chair**

#### **Birdwatching**

One of our more relaxing programs.....join us at the beach to see what might fly by. Bring your lawnchair, we'll ring the binoculars. Enjoy!

**Friday, Sept 3**

**1:00 p.m.**

#### **Fall Leaf Craft**

We love the season, and there is nothing like a little leaf art to get you ready for autumn!

#### Visitor Center Hours

Wed-Sun

9 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Labor Day 9-Noon

**Saturday, Sept 4**

**10:00 a.m.**

#### **Maple Tree Hike**

Norway Beach is known for it's pine trees, but there's a stretch of the Migizi bike trail that has a nice grouping of maples. Let's go look for some color on this short hike from the Visitor Center.

**Saturday, Sept 4**

**1:00 p.m.**

#### **Wild Rice Day**

It's the end of summer, we all deserve a little treat. Stop by for a taste of wild rice!



**Sunday, Sept 5**

#### **Greatest Good movie**

Forest Service Centennial Movie.....a great movie for history buffs. Everything you ever wanted to know about We love the section on Firefighting in the 30's.

#### **Naturalist Corner**

Three factors influence autumn leaf color: leaf pigments, length of night, and weather,.. The timing of color change and leaf fall are regulated by the increasing length of night.

Temperature, rainfall, food supply, and are as not as reliable as the steadily increasing length of night during autumn. As days grow shorter, and nights grow longer and cooler, biochemical processes in the leaf begin to paint the landscape.